

# **BASK Visits and Outings Policy**

At **BASK**, from time to time we offer children the chance to go on local outings including walks and visits off the premises. We believe that planned outings and visits complement and enhance the learning opportunities inside BASK's environment and extend children's experiences. We always seek parents' permission for children to be included in such outings.

## **Procedures**

Visits and outings are carefully planned using following guidelines, whatever the length or destination of the visit:

A pre-visit checklist, full risk assessment and outings plan will always be carried out by a senior member of staff before the outing to assess the risks or hazards which may arise for the children, and identify steps to be taken to remove, minimise and manage those risks and hazards. We will endeavour to visit the venue prior to the visit. This will ensure that the chosen venue is appropriate for the age, stage and development of the children

Written permission will always be obtained from parents before taking children on trips

We provide appropriate staffing levels for outings dependent on an assessment of the safety and the individual needs of the children. At least one member of staff will hold a valid and current paediatric first aid certificate

A fully stocked first aid box will always be taken on all outings along with any special medication or equipment required

A completed trip register together with all parent and staff contact numbers will be taken on all outings

Regular headcounts will be carried out throughout the outing. Timings of headcounts will be discussed in full with BASK manager prior to the outing

All staff will be easily recognisable by other members of the group; they will wear BASK uniform and high visibility vests/jackets

Children will be easily identified by staff when on a trip by use of a sticker system. BASK name, number and mobile number will be displayed

A fully charged mobile phone will be taken as a means of emergency contact

In the event of an accident, staff will assess the situation. If required, the group will return to BASK immediately and parents will be contacted to collect their child. In the event of a serious accident an ambulance will be called at the scene, as well as parents being contacted. One member of staff will accompany the child to the hospital, and the rest of the group will return to BASK.

## **Risk assessment/outings plan**

The full risk assessment and outing plan will be displayed for parents to see before giving consent. This plan will include details of:

The name of the designated person in charge - the outing leader

The name of the place where the visit will take place  
The estimated time of departure and arrival  
The number of children, age range of children, the ratio of staff to children, children's individual needs and the group size  
The equipment needed for the trip, i.e. first aid kit, mobile phone, coats, safety reins, pushchairs, rucksack, packed lunch, etc.  
Staff contact numbers  
Method of transportation and travel arrangements (including the route)  
Financial arrangements  
Emergency procedures  
The name of the designated first aider and the first aid provision  
Links to the child's learning and development needs.

### **Use of vehicles for outings**

All staff members shall inform parents in advance of any visits or outings involving the transportation of children away from BASK

The arrangements for transporting children will always be carefully planned and where necessary additional people will be recruited to ensure the safety of the children. This is particularly important where children with disabilities are concerned

All vehicles used in transporting children are properly licensed, inspected and maintained. Regular checks are made to BASK vehicle e.g. tyres, lights etc. and a logbook of maintenance, repairs and services is maintained

Drivers of vehicles are adequately insured

All vehicles used are fitted to the supplier's instructions with sufficient numbers of safety restraints appropriate to the age/weight of the children carried in the vehicle. Any mini buses/coaches are fitted with 3-point seat belts

When we use a mini bus, we check that the driver is over 21 years of age and holds a Passenger Carrying Vehicle (PCV) driving licence. This entitles the driver to transport up to 16 passengers

When children are being transported, we maintain ratios.

When planning a trip or outing using vehicles, records of vehicles and drivers including licenses, MOT certificates and business use insurance are checked. If a vehicle is used for outings the following procedures will be followed:

Ensure seat belts, child seats and booster seats are used

Ensure the maximum seating is not exceeded

All children will be accompanied by a registered member of staff

No child will be left in a vehicle unattended

Extra care will be taken when getting into or out of a vehicle

The vehicle will be equipped with a fire extinguisher and emergency kit containing warning triangle, torch, blankets, wheel changing equipment etc.

### **Lost children**

In the event of a child being lost, the Lost Child Procedure will be followed. Any incidents or accidents will be recorded in writing and the Care Inspectorate will be contacted and informed of any incidents.

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